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COUNTRY: AFGHANISTAN/USSR

SUBJECT: INCREASE IN SOVIET MILITARY PRESENCE IN PUL-I-CHARI

(DOI: SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1979)

SOURCE: A MIDDLE-LEVEL AFGHAN GOVERNMENT EMPLOYE  
IS A NEW AND UNTESTED SOURCE. HE ACQUI  
PARAS ONE THROUGH FOUR FROM AN AFGHAN MILITARY  
OFFICER AND PARAS FIVE AND SIX FROM THE  
OBSERVATION.

1. AT PUL-I-CHARI MILITARY GARRISON IN THE  
RESPONSIBLE FOR TRAINING TANK DRIVERS, THE NUMBER OF  
INSTRUCTORS HAS INCREASED FROM ABOUT 18 IN LATE  
TO BETWEEN 80-100 AS OF LATE OCTOBER 1979.  
SHE-SOURCE DOES NOT HAVE FREE ACCESS TO THE OTHER  
AREAS OF PUL-I-CHARI BUT STATES IT IS HIS  
GAINED FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHER AFGHAN  
NUMBER OF SOVIETS ASSIGNED TO OTHER AREAS OF THE  
HAS INCREASED DRAMATICALLY.

2. AT THE PUL-I-CHARI GARRISON, THERE ARE  
ABOUT 250 TANKS, ALL IN OPERATING CONDITION.  
TAKEN FROM INSIDE THE SHEDS AT THE GARRISON,  
WERE SHOWN ON THE DIRECTION OF THE SOVIET  
SOVIETS WERE CONCERNED THAT AN ATTACK ON THE  
INCAPACITATE THE TANKS. THERE HAS NOT BEEN  
INCREASE IN THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TANKS AT THE

3. PRESENTLY THERE ARE 100 AFGHAN  
GOING TANK TRAINING AT PUL-I-CHARI. THE  
20-25. MOST ARE RELATIVES OF COMMITTEED  
(SUB-SOURCE COMMENT: THEIR CURRENT LEVEL OF COM  
NOT ALLOW THEM TO OPERATE THE TANKS AT PUL-I-CHA

4. (SOURCE COMMENT: SUB-SOURCE STATES  
THE RUSSIANS (SOVIETS) HAVE TAKEN COMMAND OF

BARRACKS. THE DECISION MAKING POWER IS NOW IN THE HANDS OF THE RUSSIANS (SOVIETS). SUB-SOURCE IS DEPRESSSED BY THE FACT THE SOVIETS NOW ARE RUNNING THE AFGHAN MILITARY. HIS MORALE AND THAT OF OTHERS LIKE HIM, WHO WERE BASICALLY IS VERY LOW. (Z)

C. THERE HAS BEEN A LARGE INFLOW OF YOUNG SOVIETS INTO THE MICRO BAYON HOUSING COMPLEX. ON 27, 28, 29 AND 30 OCTOBER, BETWEEN 1600-1700 HOURS, A ROUGH COUNT WAS MADE OF YOUNG SOVIETS WATCHING AND PLAYING VOLLEYBALL ON THREE COURTS IN THE BLOCK 5 AREA. ABOUT 330 SOVIETS WERE COUNTED. (SOURCE COMMENT: PRIOR TO AUGUST 1979 THERE WAS ONLY ONE VOLLEYBALL COURT.) THE SOVIETS, SOME OF WHOM WERE DRESSED IN AFGHAN FATIGUES APPEARED TO BE 21 AND 22 YEARS OLD. THEY HAD VERY SHORT "MILITARY" HAIR CUTS. IT IS HARD TO SORT THESE NEW SOVIETS OUT FROM THE SOVIET "ADVISORS". THE ADVISORS ARE OLDER, USUALLY WEAR CIVILIAN CLOTHES, HAVE LONGER HAIR AND ARE ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR WIVES AND CHILDREN. (SOURCE COMMENT: THERE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF ADVISORS LIVING AT THE COMPLEX AS WELL. ON 28 OCTOBER, THREE AFGHAN, SOVIET ORIGIN, BUSES WERE BEING HANDLING SOVIET YOUNGSTERS TO SCHOOL FROM THE COMPLEX. THE BUSES WERE FULL. THE THREE HAD ABOUT 100 CHILDREN. (SOURCE COMMENT: THE SOVIETS ARE NOT ATTEMPTING TO HIDE THEIR INCREASED PRESENCE AT MICRO BAYON. IT IS ALMOST AS IF THEY ARE SAYING, WE ARE HERE TO STAY, GET USED TO US).)

D. AS ONE ENTERS THE OLD SECTION OF MICRO BAYON FROM THE WAJIR AREA AFTER CROSSING THE BRIDGE OVER THE KANJUR RIVER, ONE WILL PASS TWO MILITARY INSTALLATIONS. THE FIRST IS UNDER AFGHAN GUARD; THE SECOND, A COMMUNICATION FACILITY, IS UNDER THE GUARD OF AFGHANS COMMANDED BY A YOUNG SOVIET. THE SOVIET WHO IS BLOND, WEARS AN AFGHAN UNIFORM WITH BETTER TAILORING--CARRIES A KEALASHNIKOV AND NIGHTLY INSPECTS HIS AFGHAN TROOPS. HE CAN BE SEEN THERE AT VARIOUS HOURS OF THE NIGHT.

7. ACQ. AFGHANISTAN, KASUL (28 OCTOBER 1979).  
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